

**Encounter edit, error, and
record correction changes**

What Hasn't Changed

- Data still entered through the DEG.
- Data fields edited by similar program.
- Errors still returned via 4410 error file.
- Plans will still send Original, Replacement or Void records.

Areas of Change

- Data entered in 837 format instead of proprietary one.
- Some fields which are not compatible with the 837 format have been removed.
- Some edits strengthened, some become “info only”.

“Claim & line item” model

- In the current system, each line item is essentially independent.
- With the 837 format, data consists of claims having a header and one or more detail lines.
- Format is similar to Fee-for-Service approach.

“Correctable errors”

- No more “correctable errors” (RC code).
- Non-critical invalid data will be accepted and identified as “informational errors” (RF code).
- Each line item will either be accepted or rejected.
- Claims with no valid lines will not be stored.

Replacement of claims

- The “original”, “replacement”, “void” scheme will still be used.
- However, replacement must replace a complete claim, not just a line item.

Long-Term Care

- LTC is treated in the current system as a separate category.
- In the new system, both Facility and LTC encounters will be entered using the “837 Institutional” format.
- The edits no longer make any distinction between Facility and LTC encounters.

4410 Error File

- Error file will be returned as it is today.
- File format will be essentially the same.
- Some error codes will change: several will be dropped, a few will be added.
- Descriptions in error list will reflect the field names in the 837 format rather than the proprietary format names.

Submission Number

- As now, used to detect resubmission of the same batch - must uniquely identify the batch.
- Due to requirements of the new format, submission number has been changed to a 5-digit field.
- No room to include e.g. run date in submission number: recommend just sequentially numbering batches.
- Format still supports 100,000 batches/plan.

Transition to the New System

- All batches received for processing in January 2003 and before are to be in the proprietary format and contain no data with service dates greater than Dec. 31, 2002.
- All batches received for processing subsequent to Jan. 31, 2003 must be in the 837 format w/o regard to service date.
- The two types may not be mixed in the same batch.

Correction of Older Data

- Corrections for claims submitted prior to 2/1/2003 will be accepted only in the proprietary format. These corrections must be submitted before 5/1/2003.
- Corrections for claims submitted 2/1/2003 or after must be on the 837.

Questions?